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WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR BILL 4
from Grace Sugimoto

My family and I are adamantly opposed to Bill 4 moving through the Honolulu City Council to allow an exception under a pilot project. Although we do not live in Ewa, we feel that if this Bill is approved, then a trickle effect would start in other areas.

For years now, we have had a parking problem with non-residents in Wilson Tract. Below is an email that was sent to Councilwoman Fukunaga with her response in July 2015. Since that time, we have not had increased HPD enforcement. In fact, as far as I know, the police only come out and cite the cars parked directly in front of our home because we wait for them. If we call about cars parked at the curb, by the stop sign or in front of fire hydrants, the cars are still there so I can only assume that law enforcement never came out. These illegally parked cars make it difficult to turn into our driveway and safely out of our driveway. The cars parked by the curb and stop sign, make it difficult to turn from Jennie Street onto Wilson Street. A driver would need to inch out slowly, then turn. For the record, I would like to say that one of these days, there will be a big accident in this residential neighborhood. Unlike the Ewa area, my family is not the only one calling police. Many of us call. There is even mention of another neighbor in the below email.

Additionally, for the record, I would like to say that a Bill is only good if it is enforced. Currently, there are absolutely minimal citations for fireworks and driving while on the phone. As a registered voter, these lack of citations are totally unacceptable.

This testimony is being made on behalf of my family. We are all registered voters.

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Subject: SAFETY OF WILSON TRACT

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga

City and City of Honolulu

Dear Ms. Fukunaga:

It is with increasing concern over the safety of our neighborhood that I send you this email. We are having an ongoing problem of people from Kalihi Valley Homes parking their vehicles in Wilson Tract. Many of these people have no respect and leave trash on our sidewalks, park less than 4 feet from our driveway, in front of fire hydrants and by the curb. This makes it very difficult to turn out of our driveway and from Jennie Street onto Wilson Street.

I have called the police on numerous occasions, and we are lucky when we get a competent officer. On one occasion, there was a car that was parked less than 4 feet from our driveway. This car also had an expired car registration and safety check. When I called the police and the officer came out, he didn't want to do anything and responded that he gives a grace period. As this was an unsatisfactory answer, my husband asked for his sergeant. His sergeant came out and had the car towed immediately.

What good is it to have laws if the police don't enforce them? Another time, I believe last year, a policeman came out on a weekend and started ticketing and towing cars that had expired car registrations and safety checks that were parked on the street. He was very friendly, and when we told him thank you, he said he was doing his job. Is there any way this sweeping of the cars parked illegally on the street could be a more regular practice? On a positive note, I would like to commend Officer Miki and Sergeant Wade for their service to the community. They exemplify what the police should be with their action, care and concern.

As I grew up in this neighborhood, many of my neighbors are now elderly, and in fear of retaliation, they don't want to call the police. This is a really nice neighborhood, but the outsiders have ruined the environment. Any assistance and advice from you would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Grace Sugimoto

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cc: The Honorable John Mizuno

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hi Ms. Sugimoto,

thank you for contacting us regarding your complaint about on-street parking issues on Wilson Street/Jennie Street. I'm happy to work with Representative Mizuno in requesting that HPD's Community Policing Division for District 5 work with us to address the non-resident parking issues - some of which may involve more citations for expired safety checks or registrations, or parking too close to residents' driveways. I'm cc'ing Chris Delaunay and Amanda Morales of my staff to get the process underway, and you can contact them with additional information.

For your information, Bill 52 (which establishes restricted parking zones that give preferences to area residents over non-resident parking) may be one way that we can address the parking issues in your area. When Bill 52 was heard in the Council's Transportation Committee meeting last week, area resident Max Sword testified in strong support if the bill could help residents along your street deal with parking associated with non-resident vehicles. He reported that he has witnessed groups of individuals with as many as 4-5 cars who drive onto the street, park their cars, and have another vehicle pick them up and transport them across the highway to Kalihi Valley homes. He also reported that some of these individuals leave trash on the roadside, and dump their garbage in the area.

We'd be happy to keep you posted on our progress with increased HPD enforcement, as well as the status on Bill 52 as it moves forward.

mahalo,

Carol Fukunaga

Councilmember, District 6

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